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Subject: Addition of State Leases ML-47711 and ML-49287, West Ridge Resources, Inc.,
West Ridge Mine, C/007/0041, Task ID #2289, Outgoing File

Dear Mr. Gray:

The Division received an application to add State Leases ML-47711 and ML-49287 to the West Ridge Mine Permit on March 22, 2005. The application was assigned Task ID #2187 and was found to contain deficiencies following a review by our technical staff. A response to the deficiencies was received by the Division on July 26, 2005 which was assigned Task ID #2289.

Before the Division can approve this amendment, the Permittee must provide the information outlined in the attached deficiencies, in accordance with the R645 Coal Mining Rules cited. For clarification or more information, you can contact the Division specialist whose initials are at the end of each deficiency.

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Technical Memos prepared by each of the reviewers are available upon request. In order to expedite this process and accommodate West Ridge's schedule to begin development in the new lease areas by mid-September 2005, please respond to the following deficiencies by August 30, 2005.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor

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TECHNICAL DEFICIENCIES

- R645-302-263 and R645-301-112.300:** The Permittee needs to provide the corporate tree (control relationship) with percentage ownership indicated for the corporations listed on pages 1-5 through 1-8 of the application. [pwb]
- R645-301-112.220:** The Permittee needs to correctly list the resident agent listed on page 1-1. The resident agent is incorrectly listed as Mike Glasson. [pwb]
- R645-301-525.130:** The Permittee must include information about the quality and quantity of State-appropriated water supplies within the permit area in the subsidence section of the MRP. If the information is found in other sections of the MRP the Permittee must make references in the subsidence section. This regulation was added after the mine was first permitted. The deficiency covers the entire permit area not just the additional leases. [whw]
- R645-301-525.480:** The Permittee must include a detailed discussion in the subsidence section of the MRP of the methods to be used to replace adversely affected State-appropriated water supplies or to mitigate or remedy any subsidence-related material damage to the land or protected structures. This regulation was added after the mine was first permitted. The deficiency covers the entire permit area not just the additional leases. In Section 525.480, the wording indicated the mitigation methods are specific only to Bear Canyon and not the entire permit area. [whw]
- R645-301-728:** The Permittee needs to edit the update to the Probable Hydrologic Consequences (PHC) Determination to clarify minor points regarding conditions and potential impacts to Bear Canyon and to include the Bear Canyon and Spring Canyon monitoring schedules. Edits were [smf]
- R645-301-724.100, -724.200:** The Permittee needs to update Table 7-1 to include the monitoring schedule of the additional groundwater monitoring in Spring Canyon, Little Spring Canyon, and Bear Canyon. [smf]